

22. (Twice Amended) A display device comprising:

a polarization axis varying device;

a first polarizing splitter device disposed on one side of said polarization axis varying device and which transmits a light ray component linearly polarized in a first direction while reflecting or absorbing a light ray component linearly polarized in a predetermined direction different from said first direction;

a second polarizing splitter device, disposed on the other side of said polarization axis varying device and which reflects a light ray component linearly polarized in a second direction while transmitting a light ray component linearly polarized in a predetermined direction different from said second direction;

a lighting device disposed on the side of said second polarizing splitter device opposite to said polarization axis varying device; and

a light reflective device, disposed on the side of said lighting device opposite to said second polarizing splitter device;

wherein said lighting device has a number of at least one of dimples and projections on a surface thereof on the viewer's side of the lighting device opposite to the light reflective device, and said surface also serving as a light diffusing plate diffusing and reflecting a light ray coming in from said second polarizing splitter device, while outputting a light ray toward said second polarizing splitter device.

30. (Amended) A display device comprising:

a liquid-crystal display panel having a liquid crystal interposed between a pair of substrates;

a polarizer disposed on one side of said liquid-crystal display panel;

12 a first reflective polarizer disposed on the other side of said liquid crystal display panel; and

a lighting apparatus disposed on the side of said first reflective polarizer opposite to the polarizer;

wherein said lighting apparatus includes a light diffuser at a surface thereof, said light diffuser having a number of a least one of dimples and projections which diffuse and reflect a light ray coming in from said first reflective polarizer, while transmitting a light ray coming from said lighting apparatus toward said first reflective polarizer.

32. (Amended) An electronic apparatus having a display device with a liquid crystal display panel as a display unit, said display device comprising:

a liquid crystal display panel having a liquid crystal interposed between a pair of substrates;

a polarizer disposed on one side of said liquid crystal display panel;

a first reflective polarizer disposed on the other side of said liquid crystal display panel; and

a lighting apparatus disposed on the side of first reflective polarizer opposite to the polarizer;

wherein said lighting apparatus includes a light diffuser at a surface thereof, said light diffuser having a number of a least one of dimples and projections which diffuse and reflect a light ray coming in from said first reflective polarizer, while transmitting a light ray coming in from said lighting apparatus toward said first reflective polarizer.